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AMENDMENT

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To the Honorable Commissioner:

This Amendment is filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 31, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed May 15, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks herein prior to further examination of the above-identified application.

This Amendment includes the following: (1) **Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 2; and (2) **Remarks** beginning on page 7.

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